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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 30 July 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 74 and 79-87.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070807.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Susan Abrahamsom, Ph.D. on August 7, 2007.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

The following set of claims has replaced the set of claims submitted as part of the amendment filed July 30, 2007:

Claims 1-73. (Cancelled)

Claim 74. (Previously Presented) A method of treating a subject for a breast cancer characterized by overexpression of the HER2 receptor protein, said method comprising concurrent therapy with the recombinant, humanized anti-HER2 antibody Trastuzumab and the recombinant des-alanyl-1, serine-125 human interleukin-2 molecule Aldesleukin, wherein said concurrent therapy comprises administering to said subject at least one therapeutically effective dose of said Aldesleukin in combination with a dosing regimen for said Trastuzumab, wherein said dosing regimen for said Trastuzumab comprises administering to said subject at least one therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab is in the range from about 1.0 mg/kg to about 10.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically

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effective dose of said Aldesleukin is in the range from about 0.5 MIU/m² to about 4.0 MIU/m².

Claims 75-78. (Cancelled)

Claim 79. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a subject for a breast cancer characterized by overexpression of the HER2 receptor protein, said method comprising concurrent therapy with the recombinant, humanized anti-HER2 antibody Trastuzumab and ~~[[an]]~~ a native human IL-2 polypeptide, wherein said concurrent therapy comprises administering to said subject at least one therapeutically effective dose of said IL-2 polypeptide in combination with a dosing regimen for said Trastuzumab, wherein said dosing regimen for said ~~humanized anti-HER2 antibody~~ Trastuzumab comprises administering to said subject at least one therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab is in the range from about 1.0 mg/kg to about 10.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said IL-2 polypeptide is in the range from about 0.5 MIU/m² to about 4.0 MIU/m².

Claim 80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Aldesleukin is administered as a pharmaceutical composition selected from the group consisting of a monomeric Aldesleukin pharmaceutical composition, a multimeric Aldesleukin pharmaceutical composition, a lyophilized Aldesleukin pharmaceutical composition, and a spray-dried Aldesleukin pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab is in the range from about 2.0 mg/kg to about 9.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Aldesleukin is in the range from about 0.6 MIU/m² to about 3.0 MIU/m².

Claim 82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab is in the range from about 3.0 mg/kg to about 8.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Aldesleukin is in the range from about 0.8 MIU/m² to about 1.5 MIU/m².

Claim 83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 82, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Trastuzumab is about 4.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said Aldesleukin is about 1.0 MIU/m².

Claim 84. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 79, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said IL-2 polypeptide is administered as a pharmaceutical composition selected from the group consisting of a monomeric IL-2 pharmaceutical composition, a multimeric IL-2 pharmaceutical composition, a lyophilized IL-2 pharmaceutical composition, and a spray-dried IL-2 pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said ~~anti-HER2-antibody~~ Trastuzumab is in the range from about 2.0 mg/kg to about 9.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said IL-2 polypeptide is in the range from about 0.6 MIU/m² to about 3.0 MIU/m².

Claim 86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said ~~anti-HER2-antibody~~ Trastuzumab is in the range from about 3.0 mg/kg to about 8.0 mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said IL2 polypeptide is in the range from about 0.8 MIU/m² to about 1.5 MIU/m².

Claim 87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said ~~anti-HER2-antibody~~ Trastuzumab is about 4.0

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mg/kg and wherein said therapeutically effective dose of said IL-2 polypeptide is about 1.0 MIU/m².

Conclusion

4. Claims 74 and 79-87 have been allowed.
5. Claims 74 and 79-87 have been renumbered as claims 1, 6, 2-5, and 7-10, respectively.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen L. Rawlings, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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